The New Hampshire democrats are carefully looking over the field to find some available man to run for governor against Gov. Cheney, who will be re-nominated

The Christian Register generously says: "The secular press is almost always unsectarian, and it gives a fair hearing to all religious bodies that seek to promote the highest human welfare." And this is just what the secular press ought to be,

Women are beginning to obtain new privileges in Minnesota. At the late election a large majority was given for a constitutional amendment providing that any woman twenty-one years of age and older may vote at any election of officers of schools, or on any measure relating to schools, or may be eligible to any office pertaining to the management of schools.

The proposed Bostop, Lake Optario and Albany railroad company talk of uniting with the Green Mountain parrow gauge route, thus opening to the latter a communication to the seaboard. If the Green Mountain company will raise \$1,000,000 in cash subscriptions, on either of its proposed routes, the Boston, Lake Ontario and Albany road will carry the balance of the cost of construction and equipment in their bonds and capital stock.

late William B. Astor is the subject of a good deal of guesswork. The first estimates placed the amount at from \$100,000,-000 to \$200,000,000, but a computation based upon an examination of the New York city tax list for this year leads to the conclusion that the total value of the estate will not exceed \$45,000,000. Almost any reasonable man would be satisfied with the possession of any one of the amounts

The committee on the opening ceremo nies at the centennial exhibition have selected William E, Evarts of New York as orator, Henry W. Longfellow of Massachu setts as poet, and a grandson of Richard H. Lee of Virginia as reader of the Declaration of Independence. Theodore Thomas has accepted the post of musical director of the ceremonies attending the opening. These appointments are all eminently fit to be made and give perfect satisfaction to everybody except that unfortunate journal in Springfield, Mass., that has a pas sion for nominating Charles Francis Ad-

Vice-President Wilson left a will, dated April 21, 1875. By it he bequeathed his entire estate, real and personal, to his nephew, Dr. Wm. L. Coolidge, in trust for the sup port of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Howe, now in her ninetleth year, and for the education and support of his adopted daughter Eva, a little girl of some ten summers, and for other minor and designated purposes. The total value of his estate is not above \$10,000. It appears that Mr. Wilson owned at the time of his death the humble habitation in which he was born, and since his death the old friends and neighbors of his boyhood have transported to the spot, from a distance of two miles, a huge granite boulder weighing ten tons, as a tribute of their regard for his memory.

The first session of the Forty-fourth Congress, with the Republican Senate and Democratic House, opened on Monday. The occasion was one of more than usual interest, but the organization was affected quietly and without any exciting incidents. Senator Ferry called the Senate to order and presided. The Senate chamber is still draped in mourning and appropriate notice was taken of the death of Vice President Wilson. Mr. Kerr of Indiana was elected Speaker of the House on the first ballot, receiving the undivided support of his own party. As Mr. Kerr's adhesion to hard-money views is pronounced and un-alterable, his triumph would seem to indicate that the largest section of the majority in the House stands committed against the Ohio, Pennsylvania, and elsewhere. Of course no business of importance can be transacted until Mr. Kerr has had time to select and organize his committees, and both bodies have got in working order.

The President's Message. The annual message of President Grant was sent to Congress one day later than usual this year, and for that reason as well as on a ccount of its considerable length, we have found it best to delay its publication in full until another week. The message meets with general approbation as being calm, able, and clear-beaded document. The following are some of its leading points. Our relations continue on a friendly footing with all foreign powers. Chili has paid up a little bill which she has owed for 40 years. Columbia has submitted a small matter in dispute to arbitration, and a recip rocity treaty with the Sandwich islands has been concluded. Spain has paid the small matter of \$80,000 which she agreed to pay for the relief of certain families whose relatives were connected with the Virginius affair, which will soon be paid over to the proper parties. The president reports the affairs of Cuba as being in the as me condition as at this time last year, but does not think the circumstances would justify any inteference on the part of the United States, either by recognition of the independence of the insurgents, or the accord to them of belligerent rights. The message next alludes to the frequent border troubles on the boundary line, between Te xas and Mexico, and expresses the hope that the experiment of a small armed steamer on the Rio Grande will prevent any future strife between the cattle drivers of both countries. The Alabama claims commission has made good progress during the year, but as it will not be possible all the claims to be fully passed upon by the 21st of January, when the time ex pires for which it was legally constituted, a short extension of the time is recommended. Congress is urged to take cognizance of the fact that frequent cases of fraudulen naturalization and expatriation occur, and adopt such effective measures as will meet the ends of justice. The condition of American women who marry foreigners, is a subject also upon which the president thinks some legislation is needed. Upon the question of resumption of specie payments the president reiterates his formerly expressed opinions, and he expresses the hope that congress will at the earliest day insure the consummation of the act of the last congress to bring about the return of specie payments on the 1st of January, 1879, In the belief that a tax on ten and coffee

will give an income of \$18,000,000 a year to

the treasury, and without costing the con-

s tmers any more than at present, he ad-

wises that these articles shall be taken from

the free list. In regard to the post-office

department, he suggests that all merchan-

disc, other than books and newspape

shall be excluded from the mails entirely, The message barely alludes to Indian affairs and the patent office, and upon the public lands, nothing new is suggested. worthy of government aid, and he commends the estimates of the loard of commissioners to the favorable attention of congress. Definite legislation to suppress polygamy in Utah appears to him desirable, and the importation of Chinese women for improper purposes, he regards as an evil to be abated by law, It is a noteworthy fact that, in regard to the improvements in the Navy Dapartment and the disposiion of the naval forces nothing is said to justify the wild reports of belligerent intentions on the rart of the government. Evidently nothing has been done or intended except to put our naval forces in better trim for the general purposes for which they are maintained.

Bon Tweed Escapes.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?" Last Saturday afternoon Wm, M. Tweed quietly gave the officers of the Ludlow street jail the slip, and at the present writing nothing is known of his whereabouts. The following is the Times's account in brief of the manner of his escape:

"Nominally under restraint, and supposed to be safely detained in the Ludlow Street Jail, this notorious criminal, since his committal there, has been permitted a freedom of movement which made his imprisonment merely formal. Accompanied friends, taking his daily drives, and passing much of the time with his family at their house in Madison avenue. Saturday he went out as usual, accompanied by the day had been spent in driving about to vasaid, was very sick. The party drove to the house, and all three enterou and the seats in the parlor, where they were met ago.

"Our own views on this subject are well "Our own views on this subject are well forward, we Tweed said he wished to step up stairs to see his wife. He left the room and did not return. In about fifteen or twenty minutes Warden Dunham asked young Tweed to go up and tell his father that it was getting late and they must return to Ludlow street. The young man went out and returning in a few moments, remarked unconcernedly, "Father's gone." Since that time nothing has been heard of him. Ten thousand dollars reward has been offered by Sheriff Conner and Warden Dunham for the capture of the fugitive. The Sheriff telegraph ed all over the country, requesting the detention of Tweed by any one who finds hlm."

HOW TWEED ESCAPED.

A New York dispatch dated the 6th inst., says that the manner of Tweed's escape is still the great problem that everybody seems interested in trying to solve. Several theories have been put forth, one of which is that he e-caped on the British barque Lord Clarendon, which cleared from New York some two weeks since ostensibly for Queenstown. Since the date of clearance the vessel has been hanging around, and Captain Russell, who is nephew of Tweed, said he was waiting on instructions. The theory is that Tweed was taken on board a steam-tug in the East River, Saturday evening, and put on board the Lord Clarendon at some point on the Sound. It is surmised that he is far out to sea, destined for some place, probably South America, where the extradition net will not reach him. Others think that during Saturday afternoon Tweed was safely tucked on board of one of the five steamers which sailed for Europe at that time. Another theory is that Tweed has gone to Montreal, where Tom Fields and Harry Genet are said to be at present. Others believe that Tweed is still in New York, but this is shared in by but few persons. Sheriff Connor hassuspended Warden Dunham and authorized Deputy-Warden Watson to take charge of Ludlow street jail.

MINE CAVING IN .- The most serious and extensive mining casualty ever known in ing Valley, occurred o ult., at the Chauncey and Grand Tunnel Mines, between Plymouth and Nanticoke. About two weeks ago Mr. Roberts, one of the proprietors of the Chauncey mine noticed that the roof of the opening was working in a most extraordinary manner, indicating that inside operations were attendfinancial heresies adopted by their party in ed with considerable danger to those digging coal in the different chambers or employed in the various gangways. He watched the phenomenon with the greatest interest, and was finally convinced that the mine was doomed to certain calamity. On the 19th inst., he gave orders for the men to leave the mine as soon as possible, and remove as much of the company's property as could be taken out on the spur of the moment. The miners, to the number of one hundred and twenty-five came out with their implements, and two hours later the mine caved in. Had it not been for the caution and foresight of Mr. Roberts, a most fearful loss of life must have occurred, as the whole number of miners would have rock, which crushed down and filled up the honeycombed opening beneath.

Vermont and the Centennial,

A conference was held on Friday between Governor Peck and Dr. M. Goldsmith of Rutland, the centennial commisioner for Vermont, to devise such plans as were thought leasible to secure a representation from Vermont at Philadelphia, While the governor has no power in the premises to make appropriations or appointments, he is ready to join and push what the State has falled to do. As a result of the conference the following call has

Cent enmat Convention. RUTLAND, Dec. 4, 1875. After a careful consideration and discussion of the matters pertaining to the interests and duty of Vermont, in the coming centennial, with His Excellency Governor Pock, I have to request a meeting of all the ntending exhibitors as well as the board of finance for the State, at Rutland, on Wednesday, 22d of December, to devise ways and means for purpose of securing a proper representation of the interests of fermont at the coming centennial. His Excellency Governor Peck will be present to confer with those in attendance.

-It is reported that President Grant has

ost a good deal of money in unfortunate real estate investments. -Orton, the Tichborne claimant, is no longer obese. He has fallen from 280 to 126 pounds in weight, complains of being slowy starved, and thinks he will have to die

in Yorkshire, England. It is reported that 200 lives were lost.

-The steamer Sunny Side, running be tween Troy and New York, stove a hole in her side by the ice opposite Rondout on the down trip, Tuesday night. The pumps kept her clear till she reached West Point, where another hole was made. She sank in fifteen minutes. Eleven persons, most-The boat was valued at \$175,000.

President Making

The New York Times fears that the chief occupation of the present session of Congress will be that of President-making, The centennial celebration scems to him | and in this connection it advances an idea in regard to the third-term question which few, probably, have thought of. Premising that "from this time forward no active polltleian will write a letter, or defiver a speech, or move one foot before the other' without thinking of next year's Presidential election, that the Texas Pacific Railroad and the Pacific Mail subsidy job will be forced upon the notice of the House, and that a strong Democratic influence will be found on the side of inflation and partial repudiation, the Times save :

"The first result of all this must be the cory thing which the Democrats profess to be most auxious to avoid -namely, the revival of third-term ideas. We do not say that Gon, Grant himself will enter into, or even indirectly encourage, any schemes having this end in view; but they will be much talked of in one direction and another, and the more obstinately the Democrats make headway toward inflation and repudistion, the less obnoxious to the people will the third-term idea gradually become. The Democrats, in short, seem bent upon playing into Gen, Grant's hands, and as they have to deal with a man who makes very few mistakes, (outside of his appoint ments,) and has personally-as we firmly believe-nothing on earth to fear from "exposures" and "investigations," and who moreover, is still far more popular with the masses of the people than most journby the Warden of the jail and an assistant, allats or politicians realize-us this is the he has been in the babit of visiting his situation of affairs, the end of the session is likely to find Gen, Grant much stronger than the beginning. A great financial danger will menace the country, and one road out of it will be distinctly visible, and two officials. After the greater part of the people will be inclined to take that road and save themselves all further bether. rious places, late in the afternoon Tweed expressed a desire to visit his wife, who, he or about May and June, 1876, and if it is, That is very likely to be the tendency in we shall have the third term upon us in a

understood, have been put forward, we may almost say, in senson and out of season, and are not at all likely to undergo any change. If, then, we describe a state of affairs which we believe to exist, or is likely to exist next year, it is not because we admire it, or look forward to it with any satisfaction. A third term would be a departure from well established precedents, almost amounting now to a part that "unwritten law" which must necessa rily outer largely into the practical govern ment of any free country. It would be a lamentable event in the history of the United States; and yet repudiation, the loss of national credit, commercial ruin and dishonor, would be worse. Why should the Democrats be so blind and foo ish as to force the people to choose between these two alternatives? Let them adopt the specie-payment policy, and put a car didate forward on that basis, and the thirdterm project would be practically killed, and some new man would undoubtedly be brought forward in the Republican

THE NEW SPEARER.-Michael C. Kerr s a native of Titusville, Penn., where he was born not quite half a century ago, March 17, 18:7. At 24 years of age he graduated at the Louisville University, and in 1852 began the practice of law in St. Louis. Two years later he was elected City Attorney, and in 1855 be was chosen Prosecuting Attorney of the county. In 1856, the year of Fremont's Presidential campaign, Mr. Kerr was elected to the Indiana Legislature, and five years after his Lecisla. live service he was chosen on the Democratic State ticket, in 1862, as reporter to the Supreme Court of the State, in which office he edited five volumes of the reports. In 1864 he was first elected to Congress beginning his service in that body in December, 1865. In 1866, 1868 and 1870 he was re-elected to Congress. He has thus served eight years in the National Legislature, and in December began his fifth term, or ten years of service. He is temperate in his habits, and regular and circumspect. laws, but is practically a tectotaller,

THE EX-REBEL M. Ca.-There was good deal of curiosity to see the ex-Confederate soldiers who have been elected to the present House. There are no very brillant names among them, such as you find in the Senate. They are all called "Generals," but the truth is, with very few exceptions, scarcely any of them reached the rank of colonel in the Confederate army. The most conspicuous of these ex-rebels, although he was not in the military service, is John H. Reagan of Texas, who was Jeff. Davis's Postmoster-General. Like the great majority of them, Reagan has had his fangs drawn, his accepted the situation, and is not likely to give much trouble. There is a wholesome tameness about the appearance of these Southern ex-Confederate officers, which gives the nervous patriot a firm assurance that no immediate attempt will be made by them to capture Washington. They are not the Southern men of ante-bellum times .-

THE BARRE BANK ROBBERY .- It is said hat George Miles, who is held for robbing the Barre bank, will be tried under a law of the State passed in 1864, which provides that if any three or more persons, acting in concert, shall attempt to kill, maim or wound any person, or to rob any person, orporation, or other community of any money or other property, or to burn, blow up, or otherwise destroy any bank buildng, store, factory, dwelling-house or other building, each person shall be deemed guilty of felony, and an enemy of the State, and shall suffer the penalty of death for the same within the space of ninety days next after such conviction.

The act above referred to was passed after the St. Albans raid, is still in force, and in terms applies to offenses like that of the Barre bank robbery. The Burlington Free Press, however, undoubtedly takes a correct view of the case when it says that it does not "expect to see any ordinary bank robbers, however clear their guilt, hung under it, and as long as we have other laws under which Miles and his associates can get fifteen years spiece in our State prison, for their offenses in this State, saying nothing of the crimes committed by them and for which they are liable to trial in other States, we should doubt the policy of indicting them under our anti-raid statute

Green Mountain Bailroad. A meeting of the corporators of the Green Mountain Railroad Company was held at Rochester, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. A board of directors was elected, consisting of the following gentlemen: John Sprague, of Greenfield, Mass.; Samuel Wells, of Montpeller; Charles Morgan, of Rochester; M. C. Edmunds, of Weston, and O. C. Fitts, of Wardsboro. The proposition of George W. Prentice and his associates to finish and equip the road was discussed. Everything seems favorable for a vigorous prosecution of the enterprise on the opening of spring. If the towns all along the line will do ss much in proporly employer on the crait, were drowned. Ition as Rochester is willing to do, an early construction of the road will be secured,

Local Intelligence.

-The expenses of our fire department ast year amounted to \$2,108,15.

-Three persons were baptized in the Universalist church last Sunday morning. -Fifty-two persons were confirmed at the Catholic church by the bishop last Sun-

-Lecture in the Universitist church next Sanday evening, Subject, "Hard

-Rev. Dr. Walker preaches at the Congregational church next Sanday morning and evening.

-The losses by fire in this village during the past year have amounted to \$14,211, which falls mainly on the insurance com--Rather than to go home at night in the

o people now pay \$1000 a year for street -J. Frank Baxter, spiritual lecturer and nedium, of Boston, is to speak at Harmo-

ny hall the last two Sandays in this month, oc. 19th and 26th. -Kingsley's Inula Cough Drops, for sale t Willard's drug store, are the best things I the kind for a cough or tickling in the

throat that we know of, Try them. -E. N. Kulghts, at the new bat, cap and formshing store in Union Block, invites general attention to his fresh and full stock

of goods. We bespeak for him a liberal -The first of a series of sociables by the Beauseaut Commandery" was given at Masonic hall, Thursday evening of last week, Col. Miles giving an interesting his-

torical address. -A union praise meeting will be held at the town ball next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, Mr. F. V. Streeter, of Chleago, who has just returned from Europe, will conduct the singing.

-For an easy chair we can recommenfrom trial the "Ordway Spring Chair," old by A. Pettee, As he suggests else there, they are very appropriate for Christmas or New Year's presents.

-Prof. Sherwin of Newark, N. J., who inducted a praise meeting in the Brattleboro Baptist church a few weeks since held a like service in the Holyoke, Mass., Republican says that "he had to have an Estey organ sent up to him" from that

-Mrs. Guillow, a lady about seventy ears of age, bad the sad misfortune to fall pon the ice, on Canal street, several days ago, breaking one of her arms and splitting her nose. Though pretty much overme by her injuries at the time, she is now doing finely.

-The Richings-Bernard English Opera Company will present the comic opera entitled "The Rose of Tyrol," at the town ball next Thursday evening. The members of this troupe are artistes of high Individual reputation, and our citizens may rest assured of an opportunity to listen to ome very fine music on this occasion,

-John Esgan and Frank Long, los frunkenness and dirorderly conduct at the Revere House, Saturday night, were arrested the next morning by officer Wood and confined in the lockup until Monday morning, when they were brought before Justice Newton and fined, Long \$24, and Eagun \$38.56; the latter paying extra for Laying furnished the other with Equor.

-We notice the following item in the Keene, N. H , Republican of last week: "Oneo" thecelebrated organs manufactured by J. Estey & Co., Brattlebaro, has been purchased by the Catholic society of this ity for their church. It contains two mannals, sixteen stops and six full sets of reeds. The manual sub-bass possesses more power than has ever before been obtained manuals by any reed instrument maker in the world."

-The annual meeting of Hydropath En gine Co., No. 3, was held on Tuesday eve ning last. Officers chosen: Foreman, W. D. Perry; 1st ass't, E. Gibson; 2d, H. C. French; elerk and treasurer, H. G. Cutler; 1st engineer, W. Edwards, 2d, Thomas Cain, 3d, S. J. Royce, 4th, S. J. Huntley; 2d, E. O. Howe, 3d, T. J. Pentland, 4th; steward, W. Edwards.

-The election of Major Wates to the of ice of chief engineer of the village fire deesign the foremanship of Photoix engine ompany, and on Wednesday the company elected Daniel W. Brosnahan foreman Murtin Austin, 1st assistant ; E. Wales, Jr., 2d assistant, and P. C. Sullivan, clerk. T. R. Pratt was also chosen assistant stew ard in place of H. Atherton, resigned, and

G. W. Willard was chosen axeman. -The following is from the "personal" olumn of the Beston Jounal: "Naval Constructor, Philip Hichborn, United States Navy, lately of Portsmouth Navy Yard, arrived at the American House, Box n, Monday evening, accompanied by his bride, formerly Miss Jennie M. Franklin of Townshend, Vt., and late teacher of mude in the public schools. Constructo Highborn has been ordered to the Navy Yard, League Island, after first perform-

ing temporary duty at Washingto -The St. Johnsbury Calcdonian in giving an account of the recent dedication of a new Baptist chapel in that place, says 'After the sermon, Mr. Levi K. Fuller of Brattleboro was introduced to the audience, as a dear friend without whom the society would have been unable to have built their house. The formation of the church was simply an act of faith; but the revival of the past year had fully justified their act and shown them that the hand of God was in it all. Mr. Fuller then passed over to the society a deed of the parsonage and all

the interest he had in the chapel itself," -Mr. Wm. R. Mead, formerly of this village, now an architect in New York city, was the successful competitor in submiting plans for taking down and re formerly occupied by Dr. John Hall's cor gregation, at corner of Fifth avenue and Nineteenth street. Dr. Hall's society recently made a gift of their former church edifice to the Central Presbyterian church, on Fifty-seventh street, near Broadway. Mr. Mead's plans embrace the necessary changes for re-erecting the building on its new lot. The taking down of the old church will commence at once,

-A correspondent of the Boston Journa tells the following:

Two crazy men who had been in the custody of Sheriff Morrill at St. Albans jall, one of whom was an escaped lumatic from the State Asylum at Brattleboro, were about to be transferred to the State Asylum a day or two ago, when the sheriff anticipated trouble and a scuffls before he should reach his destination with them. A little strategy was used by the sheriff. He called one of the lumatics aside, and told him he was going to Brattleboro with the other one, and would like to have him go along "to keep watch of the other and not say a word about it." Number one jumped with joy. In a few minutes the Sheriff called number two aside "privately," and told him the same, and asked him "to watch number one closely," when en route, Number two swallowed the bait in good faith. The sheriff surfed on the night train; number one and two sat side by aide on the train, each closely watching the other. Brattleboro was reached at daylight next morning; both were safely oscorted up the street; the sheriff delivered tells the following: light next morning; both were safely os-corted up the street; the sheriff delivered them to the Asylum officials without the slightest trouble, and "they have been watching each other ever since." Sheriff watching each other ever since." Sher Morrill's little game worked admirably.

maining in the post office in this village,

Dec. 9:

Gents.—George A. Crosby, J. B. Contally, Hy Dwind, George P. Davis, Richard Fleming, Peter A. R. Gill, Fred A. Jolly, David F. Rugz, S. M. Stimson, J. M. Warren, John Wiley.

Ladies.—Mrs. M. Elia Butterfield, Mrs. A. H. Campbell, Mrs. E. L. Fuller, Miss Lizzie Morris, Mrs. S. Miner, Mrs. Liucinda Newton, Miss Emma Potter, Mrs. Villa E. Pettee, Mrs. E. M. Rose.

Held for postage,—Chas, Kingsley, Clinton, Iowa, Mrs. Deanis Collins, Fitenburg, Mass.

VILLAGE MEETING. Our liberties cannot be considered in very great danger when the voters torn ot as they did at the village meeting last aday evening. The number present could not have been less than 500. The principal interest centered in the election bailiffs and chief engineer for the fire department, it being understood that Mr. dark, as they did two years ago, Brattlebo-J. W. Burnsp, who has filled the latter office for the last two years, would not consent to serve longer, and it being a matter of doubt whether S. M. Waite would consent to serve as chairman of the board of balliffs for a second term. It was also surmised that the sewer question, and pos-

> ome up for discussion-as, however, they did not The meeting baying been called to order by Mr. Waite, and the warrant read, Treasurer A. C. Davenport read in detail his report of receipts and expenditures for the year, and the same was accepted and adopted. Chief Engineer Burnap then rendered his annual report of the fire department which would seem to be in very good condition. He, however, made the important observation that the water supply for the use of the engines in case of fire had been proven to be entirely landequate to give efficiency to the department, and advised that the cost and best method of increasing the supply be ascertained. He also recommended that steps be taken looking to

sibly the gas and police questions, would

the purchase of a steam-fire engine, The meeting then proceeded to the elecion of village officers for the ensuing year. For clerk, A. C. Davemort was re-nominated and elected by acciamation. For first bailiff, S. M. Walte and E. W. Stoddard were nominated, and a ballot was taken, resulting in 225 votes for Waite and 173 for Stoddard, the former being elected. The other bailiffs, also chosen by ballet, are-24, J. W. Burnap; 3d, J. B. Coffin; 4th, Peleg Barrows; 5th, Geo. A. Hines, For chief engineer, S. M. Waite, Charles R. Briggs, and Elliah Wales were nominated. After two ineffectual ballotings, Mr. Waite withdrew in favor of Major Wales, and the latter was chosen by acclamation. The remaining officers chosen were—A. C. Davenport, treasurer; J. W. Simonds, cal

lector; George W. Dowley, auditor, In accordance with a recommendat made by Chief Engineer Burnap and Col. Waite, a vote was passed to the effect that the bailiffs, chief engineer and foremen of the several engine companies, should act as a committee for revising the membership rolls of the different companies, and that such members as they and such only-should be paid the usual amount of \$1.00 each. To defray the expenses of the current year-estimated at out \$7,000-it was voted to lay a fax of 40 cents on the dollar of the grand list, payable on or before the 1st of January next. The recommendations of the chief engineer in regard to the water supply and the purchase of a steam fire-engiwere then taken up, and the bailiffs and chief engineer were empowered to act as a mmittee to investigate and report at a subsequent meeting. After a three hours' session, the meeting adjourned at 10 o'

THE ROLIDAY TRADE-A LOOK AMONG THE DEALERS.

-It is undoubtedly the case that there are less people this year who feel like making an outlay for expensive holiday eifts than in many former years, but it is also true that as the Joyous Christmas season ap proaches people of all classes begin to think about the form which their remembrance of their kindred and friends shall take, and in response to the demand thus created the store windows, shetyes and unters are beginning to put on their gay holiday attire. A brief tour among the dealers will be enough to convince one that the preparation for the holiday trade has been made in a manner which accords with

the spirit and feeling of the times. It is, perhaps, natural that one of the first places to auract the attention of persons looking for holiday goods should be the store of Cheney & Clapp, for the reason that their very extensive stock of goods embraces a greater variety of articles adapted to this trade than almost any other in this vicinity. The leading attraction to visitors to this concern will undoubtedly be their large line of rare and beautiful illustrated books. They have a full stock of James R. Osgood & Co.'s late publications, well known to be among the fine t published in this country. Prominent among these are copies of their famous Heliotype reproductions of Studies from Raphael and of Tow chi's Engravings from Corregio-two entirely unique volumes which all interested in the progress of art in this country should examine. Other choice volumes from Osgood & Co. are Poetical Localitie of Cambridge, with Heliotype illustrations, and Whittier's Mabel Martin of which mention is made elsewhere. Roberts Brothers new books may also be found here, including Jean Igelow's Shepherd Lady, and a lot of beautiful juveniles, such as Nine Little Goslings, Jolly Good Times, Mice at Play, etc. The stock of English illustrated books is very fine and includes Michelet's Insects, Tropical Nature, The Land of the Pharaohs, etc., as well as such charming juveniles as The Peep Show, Child Land, The Natural History Scrap Book, &c., &c. Nor should we forget to say that Mesers. Chency & Clapp's stock of Bibles is more extensive than ever before, They have all the standard Oxford editions, all sizes of the famous Bagster edition, and family Bibles in variety. From such books as those mentioned their stock runs through all grades to the smallest pie ture books "for youngest readers." In the way of choice engravings, chromos, photographs, mottoes, illuminated texts, stereoscopic views and stereoscopes their stock leaves nothing to be desired. A package of stationery is always a welcome gift and here will be found all the latest desirable novelties, with gold pens and writing desks to match. Work boxes and baskets, brackets and book shelves, bronze goods and parlor games in variety are on exhibition, with novelties of all sorts. Their line of Diaries embraces every grade. In toys their stock is carefully chosen and very complete. One of the most importan brances of Chency & Clapp's trade is that of picture framing. Any desired style of frame may be obtained here and customers are always sure of having work done in a tasteful and satisfactory manner. The

factory alike to giver and recipient. -Visitors to the well-known house of M. T. Van Doorn & Son will find a notable addition to the line of goods heretofore kept

-The following is the list of letters re- by them, in the shape of a full stock of sil- Thursday night of last week. Several of ver-plated ware from the Meriden Brittania Company and the always reliable Rosses Bros. These goods are very elegant in desigo, and Van Doorn & Son's assortment comprises a great variety of tea sets, ice ets, cake baskets, card receivers, pickle dishes, napkin rings, knives, forks and

spoons, together with many finey articles mitable for presents. All of them are ar listic and beautiful in design and reliable in their manufacture. Among other fancy goods to be found here we notice a large assortment of alabaster vases, follet sets. smoking sets, tete-a tete sets, Bique groups, etc. Among the goods which pater-famil ias will more especially desire to look a are new decorated and gold band French china sets, and several entirely new par terns in Granite ware. To their large stock of lumps, chandeliers, and other kerosene fixtures, Van Doorn & Son have also added gas flatures in variety. Last, but not least, we have seen there a large line of goods which we don't know much about but which we are sure all good housewives will embrace an early opportunity to look over. We believe these articles are familiarly called novelties in kitchen furnishing goods, but farther than this we can only say that they comprise a great many things which we are sure our grandmothers never

thought of, but many of which are very

-One of the most attractive lines of goods

pretty, and all of which are very useful.

that we have ever seen for the holiday trade is the large collection of fine bronzes which Thompson & Ranger now have on exhibition. These beautiful goods are elegant in design and perfect in manufacture and finish. We notice among them some beautiful figures of the famous artists, Rembrandt and Rubens, and so charming are they that, in examining them it is hard not to forget the tenth commandment. There are also among them several de lightful representations of animal life. We were particularly struck with a group of deer, and another of California quail, to say nothing of dogs, horses, etc., etc. The collection also comprises some fine antique pitchers and other desirable ornament But while thus ministering to the artistle taste, Thompson & Ranger have not forgotten to put in their usual full assortment of silver plated ware, as well as of solid silver goods. This firm has the special agency for this place of the Gorham Manufacturing Company's solid silver ware, and it is well-known that there are no better goods made. Such goods as these, to gether with the full line of opera plasses watches, jewelry, &c., to be found at this well-known store are of standard value, and are always more than acceptable as

-E. J. Carpenier, who started the news and periodical business here more than a quarter of a century ago, "still waves," and at his office on Elliot street is to be found a large and well selected stock of toys, fancy articles and stationery, which are always to be had at reasonable prices. But what better selection could be made as a gift for young or old, than a year's subscription for one of the many magazines or newspapers to be found upon the table? -0. J. Pratt has received an unusually large and attractive stock of fancy and staple dry goods for the holiday trade, which

are worthy of special attention

-W. W. Warren, proprietor of the Glen House at West Brattleboro, was fined \$30 and costs, on Tuesday, for selling intoxicating liquer contrary to law.

-There will be a donation party next Tuesday evening Dec. 14th, at the house of Chester Wilcox, for the benefit of the pastor of the Meth dist church. Refreshments furnished by those who attend. All

-Tue Jacksonville Library Association held its annual meeting Dec. 1, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year : L. Brown, President; W. P. Jones, secretary; R. D. Brown, treasurer; E. H. Stet-

concert on Sabbath evening the 5th inst. The occasion was one of much interest and Thursday evening Dec. 2nd. It was highly interspersed with songs, declamation and gratifying to all in attendance. recitations. All performed their parts well, some were superior, and the entertainment was very agrecable to all present.

-Mr. Geo. A. Brown of Dartmouth College gave an interesting lecture on Tues- first pastoral charge in Iowa and Illinois, day evening, the 7th inst., on "Women as

-The winter term of the village commenced on Monday last, Miss Clara O. Woodard of Windham is teacher in the higher department, and Miss Eunice Sage in the primary.

-Hon, Edward Conant, State Superintendent of Education, will deliver an address in the town hall on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 7 p. m. A good attendance is desired.

Putney.

-The Winslow brothers and Mr. Postt of Bruttleboro, have sold the bull which they owned in company, for \$9,000.

-The announcement that Mrs. Tabor of Bellows Falls, would address the temperance society on Monday evening the 6th inst., called out five hundred of the citizens of Putney and vicinity who were well paid for their attendance.

-F. R. Cobb, of this village, has opened a staging school here, we understand free to those who wish to attend. Mr. Cobb is an experienced teacher of the rudiments of singing. He has several other schools this winter.

-Geo. Parker lost by dogs 27 sheep some three weeks ago, 17 killed and 10 missing Other neighbors also had sheep killed by logs about the same time, but no others have suffered so severe losses by those canine nuisances,

Strutton.

-At a town meeting held on Tuesday 30th alt., (mercury 8 degrees below zero at struction of the Green Mountain railroad to the amount of eight times the grand list of said town. Rufus Lyman, Eliss Cobb, and Willard Shepard were chosen com

-We have nice sleighing.

-The Citizons club hold its annual meetug on Tuesday evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, M. I. Reed; vice President, T. W. Eason; secretary, T. Goodwillie; assistant secretary, Lillian E. Davis; treasurer, A. Whithed; auditor, T. Webster Johnson; executive committee, A. H. Washburn, Marshal Lee, Minnie S. Lee, B. A. Streeter, G. E. Fairman, Mrs. A. Whithed, Ella E. Stevens, E. M. Heard, young men composing this firm manifest a commendable enterprise in conducting Alice M. Streeter. The club then voted to their business, their goods are chosen with hold the first meeting of the season on Saturday evening, at seven o'clock, the execa rare appreciation of the wants of the publie, and it is not too much to say that whoutive committee announcing through his chairman, Mr. Washburn, that appropriate ever purchases a Christmas gift at their store will find it in the best tuste and satisentertainment would be duly reported.

South Vernou. -Another daughter of James Priest, the

The undersigned desires to capress his grateful ac-knowledgment to the friends who have shown so must kindness and given such timely assistance to him su-his chitteen in connection with the sixthens and de-of his wife. third, died of diphtheria at South Vernon,

hose attacked with this disease have at once takens hot bath, eausing a sweat, and It is said that none of these have died.

Later .- The fourth and last child of Jas. Priest, died of diphtheria on Tuesday. No other recent cases of the disease are re-

Wardsborg.

-At a town meeting recently held for that purpose, it was voted to raise 70 per ent, on the grand list of the town, which t is estimated will pay the town's current expenses the past year, as well as all form or indebtedness.

-The grade Dutch Bull, two years old last May, owned by Nathan G. Pierce, Esq., which took the first premium at the nine towns' fair last fall, was killed last week. His five weight was 2150 ton, dressed 1475 bs. Hide 158 lbs, tallow 70 lbs.

-Senator Patterson of New Hampshire is expected to deliver the second lecture of he course on Tue day evening, Dec. 14th We learn also that the Rev. A. B. Dascomb of Massachusetts has been engaged for one

Williamsville.

-Edward Conant, State superintendent education, will lecture at the school ouse in this village on Friday evening, Dec. 17th; and, on the following day, at he same place assisted by the Rev. Mr. Olmsted of Townstiend, he will conduct Institute exercises. All persons interested n the cause of education are earnestly in vited to be present at these exercises, as it is expected that they will be of much in-

-Elizabeth Marrifield has sold her house o Chas, Miner.

Wilmington.

-The meeting last Tuesday was very ully attended, the town voting to aid the Green Mountain Railroad by taking capial stock to the amount of \$38,700, or eight imes the grand list. O. E. Butterfield, John Patch and Israel Haynes were chosen ommissioners. Remarks were made by Rev. H. F. Ballou, Judge Butterfield T. Davenport, J. H. Russel, Ephraim Haskell, David Bills and others. An account, full of encouragement, was given of the enterprise by President Sprague, and a great degree of unanimity and enthusiasm manifested. It was also voted to raise one hundred cents on the dollar to pay town expenses for the current year.

-At the annual meeting of the Universalist society last Monday evening, N. W. Sargent was chosen moderator, Clark Chandler clerk; H. F. Ballon, E. C. Sargent, Edward Titus, trusteen; Dr. A. M. Johnson, collector; M. R. Crosby and Herbert L. Fox, usbers, Voted unanimously to retain Rev. Wm. N. Barber another year.

Westmoreland, N. M.

-Frank A. Knight of this town was seerely cut white chopping in the woods in Putney, Nov. 20th. The axe struck him in the ankle and the loss of blood rendered it impossible for him to come home at that time. He is at home now and doing as well as could be expected.

-Thursday, Dec. 2d, Henry Cobleigh me with an almost similar accident, though less severe, while chopping in his door yard; the axe, in this case, split his foot through the instep, making an ugly wound that will keep him in the house awhile.

-The Universalists held their annua estival at the town hall Tuesday evening, Dec. 14th, when a good time may be ex

pected.

- The river is froze over at this point and it is now good crossing for teams.

ED WARD.

-The Congregational society had an oys ter supper at their vestry on Wednesday eve Dec. 1st, at which time and place were presented several tinely executed recitations and appropriate music.

Hinsdale, N. H.

-An excellent number of Zion's Journal was read by Mrs. Worden and M. -The Universalist Sunday school gave a at the "Larlies' Benevolent" society in the vestry of the church of the Rediemer on

-A very loteresting and amusing lecture was given to our citizens on last Friday evening by the Rev. A. H. Sweetser of Springfield, Mass., relating incidents of his touch ing upon the topic of the great Chicago fire, showing why Norwegians were better adapted than ourselves for making the advancement on the frontier lines, and closing with an earnest appeal for us as a people to stay and be content with New

England. -Rev. M. II, Harris of Brattleboro will deliver the third lecture of the course on Wednesday eve, Dec. 15th, at the usual place. Subject, "Hard Times." A cordial luvitation is extended to all. It is now expected that the Rev. Mr. Sunderland of Northfield, Mass., will give the fourth lee-

-Rev. J. Hilton, who completed his course of study at the Canton theological school last June, supplied the pulpit in the Universalist church Sabbath morning and evening. A large congregation assembled in the evening to hear the young man, and a feeling of satisfaction seemed manifest among them, and it is generally conceived that he will be engaged to act as their pastor during the winter months,

-John E. Carpenter, for twenty years

Paymaster of the Toledo and Wabash Railway, died Nov. 29th at Toledo from lajuries received in a collision some four nonths since. He was a very worthy man, native of Bernardsion and son of the late Dr. Carpenter of that place. His son and only child was drowned at Toledo a few years since. His wife died a short time previous to his son's death.

-We are glad to knew of the continued

and increasing prosperity of Powers Institute under its present efficient management. Prof. Sanborn's Winter term open ed on the 28th ult. with 100 pupils.

A WEATHER PREDICTION.-Prof. Ties, ecording to the Springfield (III.) Journal, made the following prediction a few weeks ago: "The coming Winter certainly will not be an agreeable one. First, cold, really so, will set in about the 28th of November, and continue for nearly a week. It will be warmer about the 5th of December, and then cold for another week. It will be warmer from the 15th to the 18th, and warmer from the lots to the lots, and then cold again. A bout the 28th it will be warm and about the 30th cold, very cold, until Jan. 6th.; then warmer till the 12th; then very cold to the 20th; then warmer for a few days, followed by cold weather till about the close of the month. The month of February will be very bolster-ces, cenerally warm, but short spells of

THE HOLIDAY TRADE.-Gill & Hayes of springfield, Mass., have an interesting anouncement in our columns to-day.

Salt, T I, ba

known as Hostetter's Almanae, is now ready, and may be obtained, free of cost, of druggists and general country dealers in all parts of the United States and British Associae, and indeed in every civilized portion of the western hemisphere. It combines with the soundest practical advice for the preservation and restoration of health, a targe amount of Interesting and amusing light reading, and the calendar, astronomical calculations, chronological firms, for a prepared with great care, and will be found extirctly accurate. The initia of Mostetter's Almanae for Itis. "All probably be the large's edition of a medical work ver published in any country. The proprietors, Measure Rostetter & Smith, Pittshurgh, Pa., on receipt of a two-cent stamp, will forward a copy by mail, to any person who cannot procure one in his neighborhood.

STATE NEWS

-It is the intention of Dr. M. C. Edmunds, the fish commissioner, to stock take Memphremagog with black bass.

The silver and tend mines in Hartland ire said to contain rich specimens of vilver

-Mr. Stephen Ball, of Ferrisburgh, has

dnuates that he has a contract from the

manufactured, this year, about a thousand

barrels of eider. An exchange wickedly

and lead, with a small amount of gold,

Grand Lodge of Good Templara, -The friends of Newbury Seminary want to raise \$5,000 the ensuing session for the purpose of making further repairs on the buildings, enlarging the library, adding to the chemical and philosophical ap-

paratus, etc. -A sac ease of destitution was discovered in Swanton on the 30th uft. Two familles had recently come into town and occopied a shop together. Sunday the two men were seen to go away, and Tuesday the two women went. The neighbors, see ing no sign of fire from the chimney, went to the place and found eight small children two of them less than one year old, without food or fire. The only apology for a bed was a bundle of straw in one corner They were all huddled together, each with an ear of dry corn, lrying to satisfy their

hunger. The town will care for them. -Ooe Frederick Hunt, a man nearly 60 years old, was married at Lower Water ford, Thanksgiving day, to a girl of 13 Hunt has been married twice before and 13 children living, besides one of his wives, from whom he has parted. It is said the girl procured the marriage certificate. -Robert Fitten of Proctoraville, who

went to Montreal a few weeks ago and told the police of the city that he was mysterionsiy robbed of \$14,000 rolled up in a brown paper parcel in an inside vest pocket, but which story was proved to be false and the money all found soon after his return home, has had his case of business failure brought before the United States Court by his creditors, and the money is in the cas tody of the court awaiting the action of the creditors and court.

-Mrs. Josiah Packer's dwelling home and barn at East Montpelier, was burned Thanksgiving night, caught by sparks from the chimney. Insured for \$1000 in Vermont Mutual, Policy just two weeks

-William Rogers of Topsham a day or two ago lost a valuable borse by its getting hung by the halter in the stable. -Every effort is being made to complete

the new Pavillon Hotel at Montpeller by Jan. I, 1876, at which time the owner, T. O. Bailey, Esq., expects to open the hotel to the public and commemorate the occasion by a grand banquet. -Alvin Taylor, Esq., of Proctorsville

has taken 30 boxes of honey (280 lbs.) from six swarms of bees the past season, besides eaving enough for the bees to feed on through the winter. He has been keeping bees for twenty-seven years. Within the last eighteen years he has sold over 4000 pounds of honey, which averaged him 25 cents per pound. -On the 3d Inst., teams crossed the lake

at Port Henry on ice, with an average thickness of five inches. This is a fact of such unusual occurrence that the oldest inhabitants in that vicinity fail to remember so early crossing on the ice at this point, Christmas being a very early date for crossing on the ice. - Free Press. -John Armstrong, of Coventry, a re-

speciable farmer, seventy years of age, committed suicide on Saturday morning last, in the following manner: Having tied a strong rope in the loft, with the other end around his neck, he jumped from the high beams the length of the rope, breaking his neck as scientifically as though he had stepped upon a bangman's drop. He had weighted his pockets with irou to make his fall more fatal.

-Three children arrived in Rutland or Monday evening, aged respectively eight, six and three years of age, who came through direct by express from California to Jersey City, where they were met by their grandfather, an elderly gentleman from the vicinity of Middlebury, who took them to his home, the parents of the chil-

Review of the Markets.

New York Stock and Money Market. New York, Dec. 7. Money loaned at 425 per cent, on call. Gold slowed at 114 1-4. Government bonds steady. The following are the closing quotations: United States Casts Coupon 1865, 186

WATERTOWN UNION LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Warratows, Dec. 7, 1815.

Evices Market Beef. A fewchoice—\$10 cons 10 50;

Becond quality, \$6 6087 00; third quality, \$5 60.

(N.B.—Checke grade includes nothing but stallfed 1105 to 1400 B bullocks; evice and first quality; fosced. (N.B.—Checke grade includes nothing but stallfed 1105 to 1400 B bullocks; evice and first quality includes the besidarge, fat care; account and third quality includes oven and two and three year old steers.)

Biores—Working Chen.—\$100, 150, 1756 2240 Wpair. Milch Cows and Cheise—\$25 fo 52; evins, 6510 93.

Farrow Cows \$20 to \$40.

Vantings—\$10 to 30. Two years old—\$18 to 50.

Three years old—\$26 to \$40.

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Youl Calves \$5 00 6010 00.

Frices of Sheep and Lambs.—In lots, \$200, 230, 68 215 cart; extra \$5 00a 55 sech, or from 4666 Wh. Hides—Hrighton, 7 c W B; Country 566 1-2c.

Fallow—Brighton, 5-1-3 6e Wh. Country 565 1-2c per b.

Peits 75ca \$100 cach. Calf Shins 14015c 32 h.

Pelts 75cm\$1 00 each. Calf Skine 14m15c & h. Poultry 10cm 15 h.

Brattleboro Prices Current.

Apples, bb 2 00 a 2 25 Hides, beef, 2 6
Folators, bu 60 a 46 Califakius, 12
Beans, 2 25 a 3 00 Beef, 3 7 a 9
Butter, lb 25 a 22 Veal, live weight, 5 a 6
Eggs, dus 30 Lamb, 5 5 7
Eggs, dus 30 Lamb, 5 5 7
Eggs, dus 25 a 10 Turkeys, dreased 15 a 17
cake de 10 a 11 Cbickens, 1 5 a 17

A Valuable Medical Treatise.

The edition for 1876 of the sterling medical annual

nown as Hostetter's Almanac, is now ready, and